श्री शरद पवार: जो डिसीज़न इसके पहले लिया गया था, इसका फायदा तो जरूर हुआ। देश में चीनी मिलों की संख्या बढ़ गई, प्रोडक्शन बढ़ गया था। मगर जैसा मैंने कहा कि टोटल प्राईस ही ड्रॉप होने के साथ किसानों को ठीक तरह से कीमत नहीं मिलती थी, इसलिए उन्होंने गन्ने से दूसरी क्रॉप्स पर डाइवर्ट होने का काम किया था। आज परिस्थिति में बदलाव हो रहा है तो वे फिर गन्ने पर आ रहे हैं। आज दाम की जो समस्या है, वह देश के सीमित क्षेत्र में है, पूरे देश में नहीं है। ...(व्यवधान)... मैं बताता हूं। इसमें बिहार ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री रवि शंकर प्रसाद : नहीं, नहीं ...(व्यवधान)... हिमाचल में ...(व्यवधान)... बिहार में है ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति : बोलने दीजिए। बोलने दीजिए। Please don't disturb.

श्री शरद पवार : इसमें बिहार, वेस्ट बंगाल, नॉर्थ-ईस्ट, जहां चीनी का उत्पादन कम होता है। नॉर्थ-ईस्ट में तो होता ही नहीं, वेस्ट बंगाल में भी नहीं होता और बिहार में एक जमाने में सबसे ज्यादा उत्पादन होता था, मगर वहां की चीनी मिलें बन्द हैं। इसलिए आज उस बेल्ट में चीनी की कमी है। इसलिए हमने वहां की समस्या हल करने के लिए, बिहार में बन्द पड़ी हुई चीनी मिलों को कैसे शुरू कर सकते हैं और जो लोग वहां नई लागत लगाने के लिए तैयार हैं, उनको encourage करके नई 6-7 मिलें अगले साल-दो साल में कैसे खड़ी कर सकते हैं, इस पर ध्यान दिया गया है। मुझे विश्वास है कि अगर वे मिलें बिहार में आएंगी, तो नॉर्थ-ईस्ट, वेस्ट बंगाल और बिहार की समस्या हल हो जाएगी। वहां के किसानों की यह मांग है। वहां मिल लगाने की आवश्यकता है और लोग वहां मिल लगाने के लिए तैयार होंगे, इस पर हमारा ध्यान है।

Study leave to doctors

*449. PROF. P. J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fifth Central Pay Commission had recommended three years study leave to doctors for attending P. G. courses which cover three years of duration;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The Fifth Central Pay Commission had recommended that study leave should be enhanced to three years for all doctors since the duration of the Post-graduate (P.G.) courses has been increased to three years. The matter was examined. In view of the fact that all Ph.D/P.G. courses are of a maximum period of 36 months and combination of leave of other kind due and admissible to an officer in continuation of study leave of 24 months is admissible up to a period of 36 months and also that the period is considered to be sufficient for such courses, it was decided not to increase the period of study leave from the existing two years to three years in respect of doctors.

PROF. P. J. KURIAN: Sir, we want better qualified doctors. Especially in the medical field, this is the order of the specialisation. Medical tourism is also on the increase. Therefore, the policy of the Government should be to encourage the doctors to improve their qualification. But what has the Government done? Even while the Fifth Pay Commission had recommended that the three-year leave, which is needed for higher education, PG course, should be given to the doctors, the Government has given only two-year leave and that too clubbing the two years with other eligible links. Instead of encouraging the doctors to go for higher education, the Government is giving a disincentive. I would like to know while it is the Government's duty to encourage the doctors to improve their qualification, what is the rationale and justification for doing this disincentive to the doctors.

DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS: Sir, the Health Ministry, in fact, recommended to the Department of Personnel and Training (DOPT) to give three-year leave for studying the post-graduate course, but then the DOPT had their own reservations since there are other Ministries and other Departments, they also wanted same procedure done there. So, they had written back stating that it is little difficult and already two years had been provided as leave, and there was a provision whereby leave could be obtained through other sources, like earned leave, for three-year period for doing a post-graduate course. Meanwhile, we have written to the DOPT again stating that in certain post-graduate courses, like social and preventive medicine, physiology, bio-chemistry, M.D. (Psychiatry), etc., where we want a lot more doctors, whether a person is a doctor who has already served for a three-year period in the Government, could be given a

three-year leave for studying post-graduation provided they will work for next five years after passing from the post-graduate degree, and, if not that provision, whether Government itself could make a second provision. The Government would sponsor the candidate and may, during the three-year period of post-graduate course, make it on-pay roll. So, these are the things that again we have sent to DOPT and we will examine them. Meanwhile a Committee under former Health Secretary, Mr. Chaudhary, has been formed to have more of the recommendations because this is not only a problem of existing doctors for the post-graduation, but we have a problem of doctors leaving the services and going away to foreign countries or other services. So, a comprehensive recommendation has been required from the Ministry and the Committee has been formed and the Committee would submit its recommendations soon. Once, the recommendations are submitted, we will take all steps to give more incentives to doctors to remain in the services.

PROF. P. J. KURIAN: Sir, my second supplementary is: post-graduation for doctors should not be equated with post-graduation in other fields because doctors are dealing with our lives. Therefore, I would like to know whether the Minister would take up this matter again and ensure that doctors are given leave required for studies.

DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS: Definitely, Sir. I am very concerned about this issue. I will definitely take up this issue with the Department of Personnel and Training at personal level.

PROF. P. J. KURIAN: Sir, I express my thanks to the Minister for the good answer.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Facilities with CWC to store gold

*445. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) is setting up facilities to store gold at its warehouses across the country;